

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2015
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level
5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Ms. Cano Morales called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Roll call was taken. Ms. Grace, Ms. Gonzalez, Dr. Pitt, and Ms. Martinez were present. Mr. Figueroa arrived ten minutes late; Ana-Cecilia Rosado was absent.
- II. Pledge – The audience of students from Kids in the canyon led the pledge.
- III. Awarding of the Parent Leadership Training Certificates of Completion – Patricia Matinez introduced the Trustees to the leadership training work that is ongoing across the district and which the particular parents present had successfully completed. Then the Trustees awarded Certificates of Completion to fifteen (15) parents while proud family members watch with glee. Numerous pictures were taken and shared on social media.
- IV. Kids in the Canyon Presentation – Mr. Don Blais introduced the Kids in the Canyon program and introduced the chaperones who accompanied the students during all the training sessions and on the trek to the Canyon. The Trustees were further entertained with a short video clip of the actual camping and hiking vistas within the Canyon as well as several candid picture of the group members during the trip carrying all their equipment, eating their protein bars, etc. One student shared her written work reflecting on her hiking experience through the Hermit trail which she found most challenging and rewarding.
- V. Approval of the meeting minutes of April 28, 2015 - A motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015, was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion carried. (4,0,2)
- VI. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement- A motion to approve the resignations of Angela Goulart and Dan Decelles and the retirements of Richard Kinslow and Steve Hilton was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Martinez. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VII. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget – A notion to approve the payment of bills was made byMs. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (6,0)

- VIII. First Reading: Dual Enrollment Policy, whereby high school students may enroll in college level classes for credit – Dr. Gallo explained the requirements of the Dual Enrollment Opportunity Act proposed by the Governor and stated that this policy was developed to meet those requirements in order to place the District in good standing should the funding become available to support our students participating in these programs. A few typographical errors were noted and corrected. Dr. Gallo stated that the whole purpose of the act was to broaden options and accessibility for all students to the Dual enrollment courses. Revision will include a rationale for financing these programs, minimizing the pre-requisites, and searching for ways to ease transportation barriers.
- IX. Public Comment- No one spoke at this time.
- X. Superintendent Comment – Review of the Innovation Lab projects, Review of the Summer Professional Development schedule, and Summer Enrichment activities for students in partnership with the City – Dr. Gallo informed the Trustees that Noah Wepman from the Gates Foundation was very impressed with the Innovation Lab work and suggested a case study be accomplished in order to document the work. Dr. Gallo also noted that the school and the city recreation department are trying to work together to offer enriching summer programming.
- XI. Board Comment – No one added anything at this time.
- XII. A motion was made by Ms. grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez to meet in Executive Session under RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) that this body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation. A roll call vote was taken. All agreed. (6,0)
A motion to come out of executive session and seal the minutes was made by Dr. Pitt, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. A roll call vote was taken. All approved. (6,0)
- XIII. Next Scheduled Meeting: May 26, 2015 at 5:30PM at the Ell Risk School. Topic: Personnel details
- XIV. Adjournment - At 6:45 PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Figueroa.